

# A Day in the Life of the John Dickinson Plantation in Dover, Del. on Oct. 12, 2013

List of museum programs through Dec. 31, 2013 also included



The [John Dickinson Plantation](#), located at 340 Kitts Hummock Road in Dover, Del., will be alive with magic, living-history demonstrations and hands-on activities from colonial trades to hearth cooking during the program "A Day in the Life of the John Dickinson Plantation" that will take place on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission to all activities is free and open to the public. For additional information, call 302-739-3277.

Activities that will take place during "A Day in the Life of the John Dickinson Plantation" include:

- Magic shows by [Levram the Great](#), Colonial Conjurer
- Demonstration on building construction utilizing wooden pegs, posts and shingles
- "Life at Sea" activities
- Hearth cooking
- Hands-on plaster-casting of 18th-century-style

moldings

- Blacksmithing
- Colonial games
- Demonstrations by the [1st Delaware Regiment, Delaware Militia](#)
- Discussion of the historical paint-color palette of the plantation's mansion house

The John Dickinson Plantation was the boyhood home and country estate of John Dickinson, one of the founding fathers of the United States, signer of the U.S. Constitution and "Penman of the Revolution." The plantation features Dickinson's original 1740 brick home, reconstructed farm buildings and a log'd dwelling, surrounded by rich agricultural lands stretching down to the banks of the St. Jones River.

### **Upcoming programming at the John Dickinson Plantation**

Following is a complete listing of John Dickinson Plantation programs through Dec. 31, 2013. All programs are free and open to the public.

#### **Ongoing**

**"Simple Machines."** Exhibit demonstrating the six "simple machines"—incline ramp, screw, wedge, pulley, lever and wheel —that constitute the elementary building blocks of which all complicated machines are composed. Wed.–Sat., 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

#### **Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013**

##### **"A Day in the Life of the John Dickinson Plantation."**

Visitors of all ages will enjoy a day of food, entertainment and hands-on activities from colonial trades to hearth cooking. 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

#### **Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2013**

**John Dickinson's Birthday Month.** Visitors celebrate the birth of John Dickinson by helping to make a great cake and decorate it using royal icing and shaped marzipan. 11 a.m.–2

p.m.

**Saturdays, Nov. 9 and Dec. 14, 2013**

**Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild.** Program explores spinning, weaving, knitting and other fabric arts. 1–3 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013**

**“Light Me Up!”** Workshop on candle dipping and discussion of lighting devices of the 18th century. 1–3 p.m. Free admission but, due to space restrictions, reservations for the workshop are required by calling 302-739-3277 no later than Nov. 15, 2013.

**Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013**

**“Handmade for the Holidays.”** Seasonal program in which visitors learn to decorate cards through the art of paper quilling and stenciling, write a personal note with a quill pen and create a sachet with herbs and spices. 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

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